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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 21, 2006, setting forth a restriction requirement between Group I (Claims 1-17) drawn to a system for controlling a set of material carriers in real time; and Group II (Claims 18-20) drawn to a method of exchanging data between a set of material carriers, Applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I (Claims 1-17) for prosecution on the merits of this application. In addition, Applicants hereby withdraw from consideration Group II (Claims 18-20), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.